BDS and nursing courses at RIMS, Imphal

1910. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that opening of different degree courses like that of BDS, B.Sc. Nursing etc. at the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal for North-Eastern states is pending for more than a year;

(b) 'if so, the reasons therefor and if not, by when these courses would be opened; and

(c) whether it is possible to upgrade the Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal as a deemed Medical University?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) A proposal for Phase II development of Regional Institute of Medical Sciences (RIMS), Imphal, which included opening of BDS, B.Sc. Nursing Courses etc. had been submitted by the North Eastern Council (NEC) to the Government of India, for approval. At the suggestion of the Planning Commission, Govt, of India has constituted a High Level Committee under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary (Health), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, to assess the requirements of infrastructure as well as manpower in the Health Sector of the NE States. The proposal of RIMS would be taken up for consideration only after the report of the Committee is received.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government at present.